

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b)**
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3 A pop-up option palette for controlling electronic equipment such as a set
4 top box. The pop-up option palette of the present invention is implemented as an
5 overlay window enabled by HTML. The pop-up option palette appears anywhere
6 on the system at the touch of a particular key on the remote control and disappears
7 at the touch of the same key in the preferred embodiment. The pop-up option
8 palette provides shortcut methods for jumping to other areas of the system,
9 eliminating the need for actual toolbars or menus. When the pop-up key is
10 activated, a window providing a palette of options appears overlaying the browser's
11 main window. The content of the window can be determined based on the page
12 being displayed so that appropriate information relevant to the page being
13 displayed appears within the pop-up option palette window. Thus, the options
14 available on the pop-up option palette are context sensitive. Additionally, help
15 available through the help button is also context sensitive.
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